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March 15, 2021

173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation, Inc.
5314 70th Ave NE
Rochester, MN 55906

Dear Floyd,

Our office is in receipt of your raffle request. The date of the filing is March 15, 2021. Per SDCL 22-25-25, your organization may begin selling tickets 30 days following the date of filing, which would be on or after April 14, 2021. Per your notification, your raffles will conclude no later November 8, 2021.

Should you need to make any revisions or cancel this raffle, please notify our office in writing at the address below.

If there is any other way in which our office could assist you, please feel free to contact me at (605) 773-3537 or email me at dana.soto@state.sd.us . Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dana Soto
Administrative Assistant/Lobbyist Coordinator
Office of the Secretary of State of South Dakota
500 E Capitol Ave Ste. 204
Pierre, SD 57501

State of South Dakota

Statewide Raffle Request

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Note: Raffle tickets cannot be sold until 30 days after filing this form with the SD Secretary of State.

State law provides that any organization that conducts a raffle and tickets or shares for such lottery that are sold statewide shall provide written notice of such lottery to the SD Secretary of State and to the governing body where the drawing for such lottery is held.

Any individual or group who wishes to conduct a raffle needs to provide written notice to the SD Secretary of State before selling any tickets for a raffle. They must also give thirty days written notice of the time and place thereof to the governing body or designated administrative official of the county or municipality in which it intends to conduct the raffle. SDCL 22-25-25(6)

Bingo, as defined in SDCL 22-25-23 or lottery as defined in SDCL 22-25-24 may not be construed as gambling or as a lottery within the meaning of SDCL 22-25-1, if: (1) The bingo game or lottery is conducted by a bona fide congressionally chartered veterans' organization; a religious, charitable, educational, or fraternal organization; a local civic or service club; a political party; a volunteer fire department; or a political action committee or political committee on behalf of any candidate for a political office which exists under the laws of the State of South Dakota.

Organization Name: 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation INC.

Organization Address: Address: 2000 RIVEREDGE PARKWAY NW
City: ATLANTA State: GA Zip: 30328

Contact Name: FLOYD C. RIESTER, 5314 70TH AVE NE, ROCHESTER MN 55906

Contact Phone Number: 507-993-4147

Contact Email Address: ries173abn@aol.com

Start Date for Ticket Sales: MAY 1ST 2021

End Date for Ticket Sales: NOVEMBER 1ST 2021

Date/Time of Drawing: NOVEMBER 8TH, 2021

Location for Drawing: Address: IRON HORSE INN, 27 DEADWOOD STREET
City: DEADWOOD State: SD Zip: 57732

Cost of Tickets: $100.00

List of Prizes and Value: 2021 C8 Corvette $72000.00
CUSTOM 8TH OF NOVEMBER MOTORCYCLE DONATED BY NILES HARRIS
DEADWOOD SD FROM COUNTRY/WESTERN SINGERS BIG AND RICH
APPROXIMATE VALUE $25,000.00

Proceeds to be used for: MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF OUR MEMORIAL AT
FORT BENNING GA (COLUMBUS GA)
SEE ATTACHED

Email, Mail or Fax completed form to:

South Dakota Secretary of State
500 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501
Phone: 605.773.3537
Fax: 605.773.6580
Email: sdsos@state.sd.us

173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The 173d Airborne Brigade is the "Foreign Legion" of the United States Army. Except for a few months in 1972, when elements of the Brigade were billeted at Fort Campbell during deactivation, the unit has never been based on U.S. soil.

In 2006, a small group of 173d veterans obtained approval to build a 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial that would capture the exploits of the Brigade from its inception. ***These Sky Soldiers wanted to lay claim to "a little piece of land" that would be their home, a place where veterans and their families could go to mourn the fallen, to remember comrades, and to heal.***

In 2010, on the campus of the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia the 173d Airborne Brigade National Memorial was dedicated.

The soul of the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial is the data contained therein. Most revered are the names of the fallen warriors from all generations of Sky Soldiers whom we have pledged never to forget. The Memorial serves as a lasting tribute to the bravery, service, and sacrifice of "Sky Soldiers," and their Australian and New Zealand allies who served in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

In 2011, a group of Sky Soldiers stepped forward and formed the 173d Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation Spartan Club. Their purpose was to establish an endowment fund to maintain the 173d Airborne Memorial in a manner befitting the heritage and traditions of the 173d Airborne Brigade. Ultimately 209 individuals and organizations stepped forward to meet the challenge. The Club objective was to raise $300,000. The goal was achieved in eight years with donations exceeding $350,000 and unfinished pledges still being completed.

A decade of experience has revealed that the cost to maintain the Memorial and sustain its operations has been on the average of $25,000.00 per year. A major cost over the years has been adding new information to the granite panels describing Brigade deployments, the names of fallen warriors, as well as names of those receiving the Nation's highest honors. Funds are expended for ceremonies at the Memorial and annual commemorations on site (including wreathes and physical support of the ceremonies) are considered necessary to our commitment to never forget the fallen.

The Memorial Foundation has made many upgrades to the physical structure and the large footprint on which it sits. This includes:

- Replacing trees, foliage and flowers.
- Replacing and maintaining the lighting and electrical system.
- Repairing cracks in the floor of the Memorial.
- Sealing and repainting the floor of the Memorial.
- Annual Cleaning of the Memorial.

While none of the members of the Memorial Foundation receive a salary, the Foundation has annual administrative costs that include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining and updating the Foundation's website.

- Insurance on the physical structure of the Memorial.
- State registration, federal and state reporting requirements, office supplies and postage
- Representations to the Brigade's active duty units.
- Financial investment management fees.

The Memorial Foundation has established an interest-bearing investment program that serves to offset some annual expenditures while providing a cash reserve capable of maintaining the structure. We are losing the sky soldiers who have been continually monetarily supporting the memorial. This reserve needs to increase and be maintained to keep pace with inflation.

We, therefore, will be Raffling off a,

- Carl Black: 2021 Corvette,
- Iconic BIG AND RICH: 8th of November, motorcycle donated, by Niles Harris,

"WE SHALL NEVER FORGET!"

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